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SUBJECT: DESIGNATION OF ADDITIONAL IRANIAN ENTITIES AND INDIVIDUALS, AND GULF-BASED AL-QAIDA FINANCIERS

REF: A. STATE 114408 ¶B. STATE 113231

Classified By: Acting DCM Robert D. Griffiths, reason: 1.4 (b and d).

11. (C) On October 28 and 29, Econoff passed ref a points (regarding the United States' designation of the Export Development Bank of Iran and three affiliated entities under E.O. 13382) and ref b points (regarding the UN 1267 Committee's addition of three Gulf-based Al-Qaida financiers to its list of entities/individuals subject to targeted sanctions) to three offices within the RTG: the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' (MFA) International Security Unit, the National Coordination Center for Combating Terrorism and Transnational Crime (NCC-CTTC), and the Anti-Money Laundering Organization (AMLO). During November 4 phone conversation in which Econoff made the same points, Counselor for the MFA's International Security Unit, Witchu Vejjajiva, stated the MFA's Department for Peace and Disarmament is reviewing both sets of points. In a similar November 4 telcon, Police Colonel Seehanat Prayoonrat, Deputy Secretary General of AMLO, stated AMLO will send the list of entities and individuals from both refs a and b to the Bank of Thailand (BOT) and commercial banks in order to facilitate the freezing of related assets should any be identified within Thailand. On November 5, Lieutenant General Surawach Butrwong, Deputy Director of the NCC-CTTC stated that he attended a November 4 meeting with the MFA at which the reftel points were discussed; in particular, the need to investigate whether assets owned by the listed entities and individuals exist within Thailand. Surawach stated he would follow-up with the Embassy should any be found.

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